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SIR:

In response to the Office Action of December 5, 2003, and further to the Notice of Appeal received at the USPTO on June 24, 2004, please accept the following Remarks and Amendments in support of the Applicants' request for reconsideration.

Amendments to the Claims begin at Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.